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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please don't let the big companies monopolize the broadband market.

I am a disabled Senior, (age 69), who works part-time and lives on small social security fixed income with little ability to pay increasingly hiked up costs for internet and telephone. Thankfully I was able to switch from the expensive national company to the local fiber network provider, for lower cost and far far better service. We do not have television/cable TV, but rather rely on internet for all communication and news.

The telephone service provided by Sonic, the local fiber network company, is superb: in the past I've had both AT&T and Comcast which were very inferior in telephone service and features to the new Sonic telephone: it is superb in both features and reliability.

Additionally the fiber network continues to be superior to any broadband service I have ever experienced from AT&T or Comcast, both of which I had be stuck with as the only two choices, for the past 25 years here at our home. Sonic has offered a more affordable, as well as totally better service.

Please support broadband competition, and don't let big companies hike prices out of our range of ability to pay for it.

Sincerely,

Richard Goldman